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YEAR OF CONTRASTS.

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The report of the Colonial Secretary on the Straits Settlements for 1920 contains the following illuminating observations in this part of the world an extraordinary year. It was a year of contrasts. The year 1920 was not an eventful year in the ordinary local sense, but it will long be remembered for its bright beginning and its gloomy end. Singapore, as the meeting place of the Eastern commerce of all nations, is naturally very sensitive to world conditions of trade. The brisk demand of the opening months and the closeness of delivery of goods caused prices to mount to unprecedented heights and tempted traders to indulge in heavy overtrading. A financial and industrial crisis in Japan and the general restriction of credit by banks in all parts of the world acted and reacted on the falling price of rubber and tin. When the large quantities of goods ordered in the early weeks of the year began to arrive, many traders were unable to take them up. Work leaders were forced to sell and prices declined from the enormous levels of a few months earlier. Money and credit became scarce and business from June to December and anxiety increased. No money was available for any new local industries. There was also a conspicuous decline in American and Japanese competition and a number of these firms closed down. Rubber reached its highest point at \$1.15 per lb. in February and had fallen to 30 cents per lb. in December.

The year 1920 had been one of reconstruction. The world was busy setting its house in order and the aim of all countries was to return as speedily as possible to normal pre-war conditions. Social and economic life had been everywhere untroubled and in many places broken by war restrictions and war conditions. At the outset of 1920 hopes ran as high as prices. No hope seemed too extravagant and no price too high. An era of unexampled prosperity appeared to have set in. The golden years had returned. Throughout the British Empire manufacturers found the world at their feet, and the Straits Settlements, standing at the gates of the Far East with a hinterland producing a large portion of two important raw materials (tin and rubber) seemed destined for no mean share of the general prosperity. Local produce was in great demand and any article imported could be sold immediately at a handsome profit. British manufacturers at home could not keep pace with the demand and large orders for iron and steel goods and motor-cars were placed with American and Japanese firms. Demand seemed inexhaustible.

TURNING OF THE TIDE.
But in June the tide began to turn. General depression followed upon financial stringency and deepened to stagnation at the close of the year. Unstable political conditions in Europe still kept closed some of the chief markets, and enormously increased costs of production together with largely diminished purchasing powers slowly but surely emphasised the necessary virtue of economy. Fantastic as the visions of February, 1920, may now appear, the disillusionment of October was none the less profound. The contrast is tropical in its intensity. Six months of unrestrained optimism were followed by six of growing and intense depression, but the sombre colouring of the second is no truer indication than the unnatural brilliance of the first. The problem is simple but world-wide. The will to create a new Heaven and a new Earth can only take effect through a medium of hard times and hard work. It is easy to point the moral and it were idle to adorn the tale with local illustration.

The part of this Colony is perhaps that of a deeply interested spectator. The raw materials of the country, the tin and rubber and copra, await the certainty of industrial recovery in Europe and it is for us to conserve our resources in confident expectation and to be ready to rise on the flood-tide of a world revival.

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AERIAL ATTACK.

EXPERIMENTS BY UNITED
STATES NAVY.

The United States Navy, which maintains its own Aviation Service, is at the moment, says the *Morning Post*, engaged in a series of interesting experiments in connection with aerial attack on warships. Numerous targets have been provided, which, in addition to ex-German submarines and destroyers, include the battleships "Ostfriesland" and "Iowa". The experiments were initiated by a comparative trial between destroyer attack on the submarine by gunfire and aerial attack, also on a submarine. It is reported that as a result of this trial aircraft sank the ex-German submarine U117 in 16 minutes, using 12 bombs; whereas five destroyers, attacking a smaller submarine, took 24 minutes to sink her, firing 40 rounds. The targets were, of course, stationary.

In the attack on the ex-German battleship "Ostfriesland" and light cruiser "Frankfurt" the Army Aviation Services is co-operating with the Navy. Bombs up to two thousand pounds in weight are being used against these two vessels, and it is the intention to continue the attack until the ships—which will be stationary in deep water—are sunk. The obsolete battleship "Alabama" is also being targeted over to the Army as a target.

The greatest interest naturally centres round the attack on the "Iowa". The programme arranged was most comprehensive, and realistic. The "Iowa" is fitted for wireless control and was to have manoeuvred at high speed during the attack. The experiments were to have commenced with a search problem, having as its object the locating of the "Iowa", which, starting from a point well to seaward of the Virginia coast, was to steam shorewards. Airships and seaplanes were detailed for the search. When located the "Iowa" was to be attacked by special bombing planes using dummy bombs only, as the ship is required for further experiments.

WIRELESS CONTROL.
The method by which the "Iowa" is controlled is most ingenious. A few men are left on board to start the engine running slowly, after doing which they leave the ship, which then comes under the control of an officer on board the controlling ship. Wireless signals sent out by the controlling ship are intercepted by the "Iowa's" aerials, and from thence pass to the receiver below. The nature of the signals sent determine the operation performed automatically on board the "Iowa". Amplifiers are fitted which increase the strength of the signals received and relay them in sufficient strength to operate the necessary machinery. To work up to full speed, for instance, the signal is relayed in sufficient strength to operate a sensitive switch, which in its turn operates a larger switch. The latter closes an electric circuit which actuates a valve and admits compressed air to the throttle control of the main engines, opening the throttle, and by admitting steam allows the vessel to work up to full speed. The steering mechanism is controlled by a commutator which is also actuated by the relayed signals; by this means it is possible to swing the ship to port or starboard. If it is desired to steer a steady course, a special signal places the ship under

the control of her own gyro-compass, the effect of which is exactly the same as if she had a helmsman at her wheel steering by compass.

The controlled ship can also be stopped from the controlling ship by means of a long signal of about ten seconds' duration, which by operating a special relay actuates a pneumatic valve and shuts off the various oil-fuel and water-feed pumps, thus automatically cutting off the generating power and so stopping the ship. In case the receiving apparatus on board the controlled ship becomes out of gear, a safety device is provided in the shape of a time clock, which, after a certain interval has elapsed since no signals have been received, automatically shuts down everything and brings the ship to rest.

This is, of course, not the first occasion on which wireless control has been used, but, as science advances, it opens out great possibilities in the realm of realistic experiment. One thing, however, will always be lacking—the intangible factor of the human element, in attack or defence, on the other side. Especially in the aerial attack under peace conditions it is difficult to estimate the effect of an active defence.

"THE FOUL ANCHOR."

SEAMEN IN THE ROYAL COURTS
OF JUSTICE.

"Five steps and overboard" Back and forth along a corridor in the Law Courts, writes a correspondent in the *Times*, they pace in a rhythmic tramp through the buzzing crowd of bewigged barristers, solicitors' clerks and the squalid medley of litigants in cases before the Divorce Court next door, gazing at but beyond it all as though out to the healthy salt horizons of their accustomed element. What are they doing in this gallery? Two seafaring men, foremost hands, sturdy and broad of beam, square-jawed; little golden rings in their ears; and with peaked caps too small for their close-cropped bullet-heads. From faces coloured like East India tea look out the clear, inscrutable eyes of the seaman, puckered round with a network of wrinkled ridges graven by constant peering ahead through the sun-glare of the tropics or the haze and wreck of northerly seas. Back and forth before the doors of the Court they pass, in an unheeded rolling walk, so many steps each way, as though keeping a watch on the bridge; with a tilt of the head at the turn; as it were, for a momentary glance over-shoulder, and perhaps a reflective expectation. They are witnesses waiting to give evidence in the Admiralty Court—"The Sign of the Foul Anchor," so called in olden times, the seven seas from where the official emblem of the brass anchor with its length of twisted cable which hangs above the Judge's chair.

IN COURT.
Watch one of them as he is summoned into Court. The cold Gothic formality of the place seems to have become generated by an atmosphere of salt and seaweed. An elderly chart hangs upon the wall; the cards by which the tall wind-vane are opened and closed is looped round a stationery like halyards from the rigging; the single

STONE AGE KITCHEN.

HOT FLINTS TO BOIL WATER.

A Stone Age "communal kitchen" has been discovered in Buckenham Tofts Park, Norfolk.

Excavation revealed a mass of thousands of the flints known as "pot-boilers." The sun-baked earthenware of our ancestors would not stand fire, so heated flints had to be thrown into the water to raise it to boiling point.

No such "communal kitchen" has been examined in England before, but "Nina F. Layard," who communicates the discovery to *Nature*, states that the accumulation is supposed to mark the site of a large cooking-hearth for boiling the flesh of big game.

lamp on the Judge's table glows in the gathering dusk like a biplane-light; the raised bench with its oaken steps suggests the quarter-deck of an "old-timer," and one almost expects to see a wheel in the witness-box were it not that the outgoing witness, who is being "relieved" in more senses than one, is so obviously an engineer, despite his shore-going "slops"; for he descends the steps as if they were those of the ladder in the engine-room hatch, nervously wiping his garbled fingers with an imaginary piece of cotton-waste. Below the Bench rests in its brackets the Silver Oar, official symbol of Admiralty jurisdiction, and, facing it, a sloping board marked with the mariners' compass and having upon it two diminutive model ships indicating the position, as adduced in evidence, of the vessels whose collision is the subject of the action.

PILOTED TO THE BOX.

Judge and counsel vary in appearance not at all with those in other Courts, but by his Lordship's side sit his two naval assessors, resident in the blue and gold uniform of Elder Brethren of the Trinity House, whose faces bear a visible imprint of their calling as that of the incoming witness: three sailors marooned in a court-full of landmen. The bulky "shellback" is piloted to the box by the little usher, like a 5,000-ton freighter in tow of a Mersey tug. After a quick look round, as at his next astern or to make quick diagnosis of the weather, he repeats the oath in a deep-sea bass mure used to hail the look-out man forward in the chains than to answer the suave though highly technical questions of learned counsel. Recently, a witness of this type amusingly emphasised the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court by misreading the initial words of the oath. "I swear by the Admiralty Gaid—" he declaimed in a voice capable of being heard as far as Blackwall Reach.

And so the case proceeds, and some such scene may be witnessed at any time in the Admiralty Division, where cases of but little interest to a sensational-loving public, but which involve great interests and vast sums of money, are daily decided by a tribunal whose decisions are respected and upheld in every port and ocean where the Red Ensign flies.

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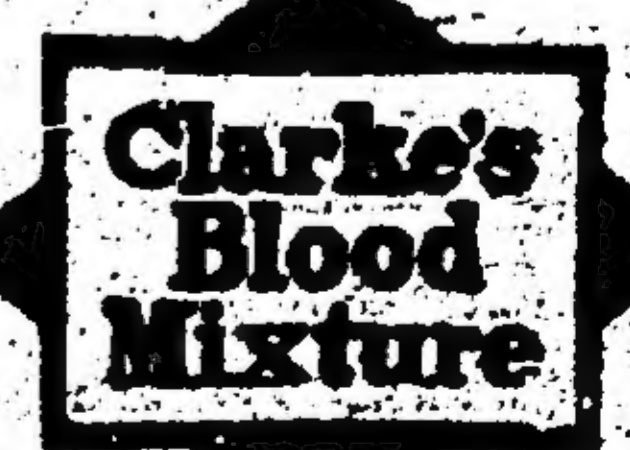
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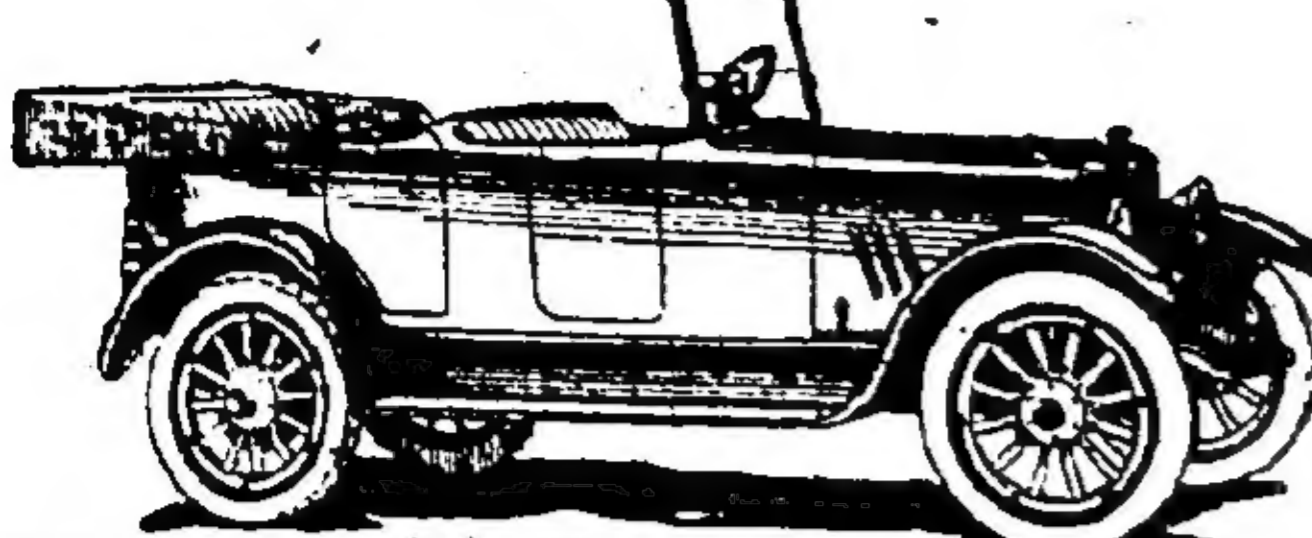


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LONDON, August 26.

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AIR MAIL EXPLODES.

FALL INTO SEA OFF CALAIS.

NO NEWS OF SURVIVORS.

LONDON, August 26.

The London Brussels air mail exploded in midair off Calais at midday and fell into the sea. A mail bag has been picked up. The air mail is believed to be a Belgian owned machine. No news has been received of survivors.

THE IRISH TANGLE [NO. 2.]

[By "FRASINS" for THE CHINA MAIL.]

WHAT THE IRISHMAN SEES AND THE ENGLISHMAN CAN SEE:

Everybody who is not a teacher recognises the teaching manner that vice from which every schoolmaster suffers. From long habit of imparting his knowledge almost dogmatically and without fear of contradiction, the schoolmaster comes to think dogmatically and sometimes even to extend his third-form cocksureness to grown-ups. Grown-ups never like this. Even Queen Victoria complained that Mr. Gladstone spoke to her as if she was a public meeting.

Now unfortunately, England among the nations has played the part of a schoolmaster: to some extent, even, she has been a successful schoolmaster. But she has acquired the teaching manner, that professional cocksureness which is the badge of all the tribe. This many do for the third form—the Kaffir or the Fijian; but when it is applied to grown-ups, especially to grown-ups who have a sense of humour—well, they resent it.

The consequence is, the Irishman thinks the Englishman very stupid. And there is no doubt of it: the Englishman is very stupid when he comes to deal with Ireland. He treats her as the teacher treats the third form boy—he tries to govern her instead of letting her govern herself. This is one thing the Englishman can never see: You can never govern another people, you must always let them govern themselves. Macaulay's adage, if you want a person to swim, you must let him get into the water, is lost on him. The consequence is that the Irishman's impression of English intelligence is very low. There is a story current in Ireland that Dublin Castle Government bought some hundred copies of Sloghan's book on "Irish Bulls" and sent them to the Government Model Farms at Glasnevin and elsewhere in Ireland. This literature had one advantage, indeed: it mitigated the tedium of Dublin Castle officialdom in Ireland so much as to delay considerably the Rebellion of 1916. The book was full of good stories as well as old chestnuts like the account of the Irish schoolmaster who said: "O'Grady, stand up on the form!" "I'll show you that you can't be the biggest fool in the class while I'm in it."

Another story told by Mr. George Birmingham illustrates very clearly the view the Irish peasant takes of the British Government. An English tourist was visiting the Seven Churches and the Round Towers at Glendalough in Co. Wicklow. Hoping to tap some of the basal Irish superstitions, he said to the Parson: "Will you tell me now, Pat, where do you think these Round Towers came from, and who built them?" "Well, sir," said Pat, "faith, there's no one can tell that; but seeing that they cost a power of money and that they're dividin' bits of use, I think it must have been the English Government that built them!" This fatal error of the Englishman—the attempt to govern Ireland instead of letting Ireland govern herself—has been the fatal error of the whole so-called Irish Tangle. Of course it is quite easy for an Irishman to see this; but nothing seems to be

able to drive it into the head of an Englishman. He seems to think that there is some political homoeopa, "a best-Government-pill," destined to cure every political ill, forgetful of the fact that the best Government is the Government that the majority of the people like best. An Englishman writing of the neighbouring nations spoke of the one as the "Wild Irishman" and of the other as the "Un-speakable Scot." And the latter has replied by publishing a book called the "Egregious Englishman." But this is a misnomer. To the Irishman he is the "un-teachable Englishman." Nothing seems to be a lesson to him. It is this bovine indocility on the part of the Englishman which has produced what I might call "the Sibylline attitude" of the Irish party.

According to the ancient legend the Sibyl brought the nine books of sacred lore to Tarquin. But the latter was obdurate. The books were too dear: he would not buy them. The Sibyl went away, burned three and returned with six. The same price was asked. Tarquin again refused. The Sibyl again went away, burned three more of the books and returned with the remaining three. Again she demanded the same price. At last Tarquin relented at the eleventh hour. Thus was saved for Rome the heritage of the Sibylline Books. But Rome was like England, of the Imperial "governing" type, un-teachable, and she never really realised what she lost.

Today the Sibylline drama, in a somewhat altered form, is being enacted before our very eyes. Hibernia, the Sibyl, offers the volumes of Imperial Peace to John Bull. But now, instead of the volumes being burned on each refusal, the price rises in geometrical progression. In the days of Daniel O'Connell it was Catholic Emancipation. John Bull was obdurate; the price was too high. In the days of Parnell it was Land Reform. "Impudent hussy! This is the work of illiterate agitators!" And Hibernia retreated scowling. In the days of John Redmond the demand was for her own Treasury, her own police and complete control of her internal affairs. John Bull relented: "almost thou persuadest me to be a Home Ruler." But then there was the fatal "Curragh Mutiny."

Now Hibernia has returned—the last time. The price of Imperial Peace is—total separation; an Independent Republic.

And the answer is—
"The tide ebbs fast; the wind droops low to-day;
Feeble as dying haze that hates to die,
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From Ireland's Eye.

Capt. Perkins, pilot, Penang, while leaving the pilot launch last week to climb the rope ladder on a ship's side, had his ankle badly crushed and is under medical treatment.

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POLICEMAN'S COMPLAINT.

AGAINST EUROPEAN.

Magistrate Lindell this morning heard evidence in the case in which John Thompson, master mariner, was summoned for disorderly conduct in Padder Street on the night of August 25, and assaulting an Indian Police Sergeant.

The defendant who was represented by Mr. D. H. Blake, cross-examined the Indian for assault and using abusive language.

Mr. T. H. King, D.S.P. conducted the case for the prosecution.

Sgt. B. 246, Nabi Bux, said he had been 22 years in the force and was now on traffic duty. On August 25 at 8.45 he was on general patrol duty near the Hongkong Hotel. The sergeant on duty there L.S.B.135 asked him to stand by his post for a minute and he did so. While there he noticed a yellow chow bich running under the Hongkong Hotel verandah. It was running after, and barking at people; he saw it do this four times. Afterwards it stood by two Europeans—the defendant and another. He went up to the two Europeans and said, in English: "Please catch this dog; biting any passengers." The answer he received from the defendant was get away you—He replied: "Please you not abuse me; you get this dog. The defendant abused him again with bad language.

For the second time he said "Why you abuse me please?" He said: "This is not my dog." Witness said: "Not your dog? I catch this dog and go police station." As he bent to catch the dog, and called it to him, he received a blow on his shoulders from the defendant. Witness was on the roadway at the time; the defendant came out and struck him. Defendant appeared to be about to strike another blow but witness took hold of him and another constable came and also held him. They took him together to the police station. The dog followed still barking and running at people. Defendant resisted them most of the way to the station.

He did not at any time use any other words to the defendant beyond what he had said, nor did he abuse him in Hindustani.

Mr. King: During this altercation did the other European say or do anything at all?

Witness: No, he did not interfere. He took no part but came to the police station with us.

Before the defendant struck you that blow did you touch him at all?

No.

In cross-examination, the witness said he said nothing to defendant; to the effect that he would shoot the dog. Nor did the defendant rejoin: "If you shoot the dog, I will shoot your head off." He did not then call defendant "You damned English son of a—"

I put it to you you said that more than once and used other words such as "swine."

Witness: No, I do not abuse Chinese. Should I use such language to an English gentleman?

P.C. B284 saw the opening of the conversation. The Indian sergeant spoke to the Europeans and pointed to the dog. Then he saw the sergeant bend down to the dog and the defendant struck him a blow. The sergeant caught hold of his arm and witness went up and took hold of the other arm. They took him to the police station.

Sub-inspector Grant said that when brought to the station, the defendant was very excited, but not intoxicated. He used filthy language towards the Indian Sergeant in the charge room and said if he had him outside he would kill him. The witness had to speak to the defendant several times before he stopped. The defendant told the witness that the dog belonged to the

Carlton Hotel and usually followed him about.

Thompson, in the witness box, said that he was standing outside the Hongkong Hotel on the evening in question, when an Indian Constable whom he had once charged with assaulting a coolie came up and spoke to the complainant. They both turned round, pointed at him and laughed. A third Indian who came up just then joined in the fun. After a while they all walked away. Later, seeing the dog standing near the witness, the complainant walked up to him and asked him if it was his. The witness replied "No" and told the complainant to go away. He wanted to have nothing to do with him. The complainant called him bad names. When the witness asked his friend, Mr. Wood, for a pencil to take down the complainant's number the latter arrested him and led him roughly to the station.

In examination, the witness said that when he told the Indian the dog was not his, the latter said "I shoot the damned dog." The witness replied: "You shoot the dog and you will pay for it. I'll shoot your head off." I said that more as a joke" defendant added to the Magistrate.

The Magistrate: A very funny joke!

After Wood had corroborated Thompson's story, the Magistrate convicted and fined the defendant \$15 for disorderly conduct and \$25 for assaulting the Sergeant. The cross-examination against the Indian was dismissed.

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ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

THE NEW CLASS-ROOMS of ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE will be opened by His Excellency the GOVERNOR, on TUESDAY, next, August 30th, at 5.30 p.m. LADY STURGES has also kindly expressed her intention of being present.

After the opening ceremony His Lordship the Right Rev. D. POZZONI, will give the liturgical blessing to the new building.

All past and present pupils and their relatives as well as all friends of the College are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, August 27, 1921.

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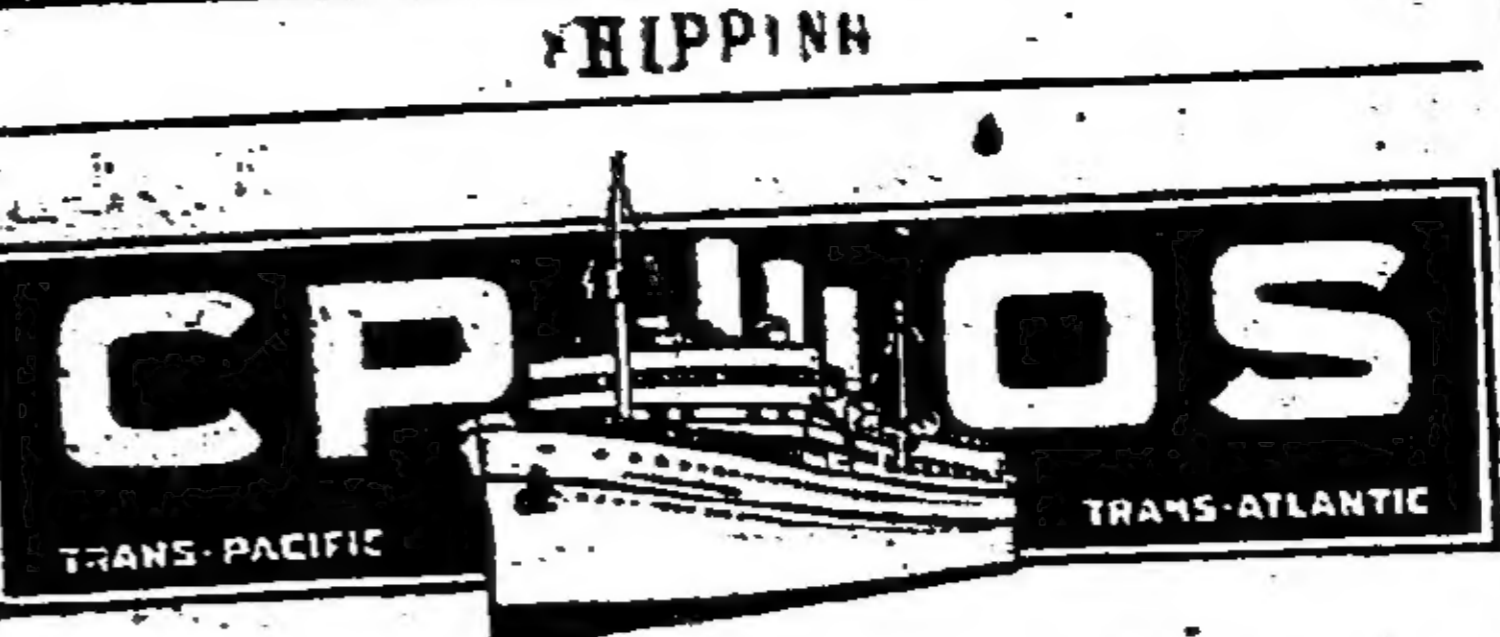
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IMPRISONMENT THE REMEDY.

A London correspondent writes. A year ago the pilferage evil here at the London docks had reached enormous proportions. Three of four cases daily appeared at the Thames Police Court. With monotonous regularity the plea was advanced that the accused was a first offender; had been for many years in the company's employ; was always an exemplary character; had succumbed to sudden temptation, and so on. The stipendiary magistrate, Mr. Cairns, had his doubts; but, tempering justice with mercy, either let the offender off or imposed a light fine. All in vain. The evil grew until, as I have said, pilferage cases came to be regarded as all in a day's work.

Mr. Cairns is one of three enlightened administrators of the law who believe that each district has its own peculiar problems, and he set out to solve this one if possible; "set out," literally, to see the conditions for himself, as in the case of the Chinese scandal which he succeeded in routing out, much to the annoyance and in spite of the machinations of financially interested parties—but that is another story.

The stipendiary discovered that "pilferage" at the London docks was a highly organized and lucrative "business." In the wine and spirits department, for instance, beautifully made soft-rubber receptacles were worn, so closely fitted to the body that a cursory examination and a mere passing of the hands over the external clothing failed to reveal the secret. One had feature of this form of pilferage was that the thief often wasted more than he stole; for in his hurry and anxiety to get away with his booty he

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OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 27.

Fort Bayard	Shanghai	3 p.m.
Samshul and Wanchow	Kowloon	3.30 p.m.
Straits and Bangkok	Yan Choo	3 p.m.
Swatow	Yue Ying Wa	3 p.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta and Aden	Yatshing	3 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28.

Shanghai and North China	Glenora	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Kowloon	Kaijo Maru	9 a.m.
Shanghai and North China	Chioha	9 a.m.
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CHURCH NOTICES.

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

HONGKONG 28th AUGUST, 1921.

10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Holy Communion at 7.50 a.m.

Matins at 11 a.m.

Responses: Psalm: 75 (Cooke); 78 (Woodward);

To Deum, Woodward, Smart, Terle;

Beneditus, No. 11 (Jacobs); Anthem,

"Lift up your heads" (Coleridge

Gaynor); Hymn, 210; Sevenfold

Amen.

Litany 12 noon.

Evangelist 6 p.m.

Responses: Psalm: 77 (Dupuis);

Magnificat, No. 16 (Gers); Nine

Dimitis, Barby; Hymn, 225, 226,

29.

The Wesleyan Church,

Queen's Road.

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Wanhai Sunday, August 28th 1921.

10.15 a.m. Divine Service and Church

Parade; Subject: "Little Bethel";

Preacher Rev. C. Clouston Perri,

H.F.C. Evening Service: 8 p.m.

Special Preacher, Rev. E. Dewstone,

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Sunday 8.15 p.m. Chaplain's Meeting

and Social Hour. Wednesday, 8.30

p.m. Circle of Study and Debate.

First Church of Christ, Scientist,

Madison Road.

Sunday, 11.15 a.m.

Wednesday, 8.45 p.m.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

WOMEN NOW ADMITTED.

The Registrar of the Hongkong

University (Mr. N. Teesdale Mackin-

tosh) informed a China Mail reporter

today that it has now been decided to

admit women to the University. He

added that the first girl student had

already been registered.

CASTLE PEAK.

COASTAL ROAD CLOSED.

The coastal road to Castle Peak has

been closed to traffic owing to the

heavy rain having caused ruts dan-

gerous to traffic.

St. Stephen's College reopens on

Monday, September 19. Examina-

tion of new students will take place

on Saturday, September 17 at 9 a.m.

The bar boy employed at the

Masonic Hall, Haiphong Road,

Kowloon, reports to the police

that during last night his

quarters were entered by a thief

who forced open the shutters and

stole clothing, jewellery and money

to the total value of \$45.50. He did

not discover the theft until the morn-

ing, when he awoke and found the

window wide open.

HELD FOR RANSOM.

GANG ROBBERS' EXPLOIT.

GROCER AND HIS SON KIDNAPPED.

Ten robbers armed with rifles and
revolvers broke into the Kwong Wo
Yuen grocery shop in Leungshan-
wan village, Saihung district at 7
o'clock on Thursday night.

After binding the master,
his son and foks, they ransacked
the shop, stealing a
large quantity of clothing, jewell-
ery, money and provisions, the value
of which has not yet been ascertain-
ed.

Not satisfied with their haul, the
robbers took away with them
the shop master and his son whom
they are holding for ransom.

Sgt. Murphy who arrived soon
after the robbers had departed, fired
a rocket and summoned the police
launch. A search was made of the
vicinity, but no trace of the robbers
could be found.

KINEMA NOTES.

THE CORONET THEATRE

"DON'T EVER MARRY."

For sheer fun and enjoyment
it would be difficult to find a
compeer of "Don't Ever Marry,"
the "Sport First National" at-
traction heading the current bill
at the Coronet Theatre. Presented by
Marshall Neilan, the producer of
"Daddy Longlegs" and other
notable First National photoplays,
this delightful film is a splendid ex-
ample of the kinema's finest art. A
brief glimpse at the story will convey
some small impression of the pleasure
awaiting the spectator.

The injunction, "Don't Ever
Marry," is disregarded by good-
natured Joe Benson. He is ready
to wed Dorothy, pretty daughter
of choleric Colonel Whynn,
when his proposal is em-
phatically rejected by the old
Colonel, and he weds Dorothy
secretly, the Justice agreeing not to
report the ceremony until after his
vacation. Joe engages the bride
suite in a hotel. By mistake the
flowers he orders are confused with
those intended for a funeral. They
are suggestive, as the old Colonel has
threatened to kill him.

Through Joe's kindness of heart
other ladies arrive at the suite before
Dorothy, one of them a friend who
is hiding her marriage. She
pretends she is Joe's wife, with
distressing complications. Then
appears a divorced lady friend,
in dread of her murderous ex-
husband. All now conspire to put
poor Joe in such a state of mind that
he is forced to pretend temporary
insanity to keep from being wedded
to the wrong girl. He barely escapes
bigamy, to be confronted by the ex-
husband, who insists that his former
wife shall be treated right.

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